

REMARKS**I. Status of the Claims**

Claims 1-29 are currently pending in this application.

By this Amendment, claims 1, 15 and 29 have been amended. Claims 16-28 have been canceled without prejudice. Claim 30 has been newly added. No new matter has been introduced by this Amendment. Entry and consideration of this Amendment are respectfully requested. Upon entry of this Amendment, claims 1-15 and 29-30 would be pending.

Attached to this Amendment is an "Attachment" that shows the amendments made to the claims 1, 15 and 29 by bracketing the text that has been deleted and underlining the text that has been added.

II. Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 1-29 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Staples et al.'945 (U.S. Patent No. 5,889,845). Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection of these claims.

Claims 1, 15 and 29 are directed to an arrangement involving (1) receiving calling party identification information notified from a communication network when an incoming call is detected at a communication apparatus, and (2) setting the communication network to activate call forwarding such that an incoming call is forwarded to the calling party of the identification information. That is, an incoming call, which will be detected at

the communication apparatus after the setting, is forwarded to the calling party of the identification information by the communication network.

According to the amended claims 1, 15 and 29, since the forwarding setup is performed by utilizing identification information notified from the communication network, it is possible to correctly perform the forwarding to the calling party of the identification information.

In contrast, Staples teaches that a calling party, which performed an outgoing call via a PSTN, connects to a Virtual Presence Server and designates a forwarded-to apparatus, so that forwarding to an office including the Virtual Presence Server and a PBX is set.

Accordingly, Staples does not disclose or suggest setting identification information notified from a communication network as a forwarded-to apparatus, as recited in claims 1, 15 and 29. Thus, claims 1, 15 and 29 and the claims dependent therefrom are patentably distinguishable over the cited reference.

New claim 30 is directed to an arrangement involving the receipt of information designating a forwarded-to site when an incoming call is notified from a communication network, and notifying the communication network of the information such that the forwarding to the forwarded-to site is performed.

According to claim 30, in a case where an apparatus has to perform setting of a forwarding service such as, for example, a calling forwarding unconditional (CFU) to a PSTN, which provides the forwarding service for the apparatus, a user of the apparatus

can perform setting of the forwarding service even if the user is not beside the apparatus, which sets the forwarding to the PSTN.

As described above, Staples merely discloses setting call forwarding to a network (Office) other than a communication network (PSTN), which notifies an incoming call. As such, Staples fails to teach or suggest the feature recited in claim 30. Accordingly, claim 30 is also believed to be distinguishable over the cited reference.

CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of the claims and allowance of this application.

AUTHORIZATION

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for consideration of this Amendment to Deposit Account No. 13-4503, Order No. 1232-4534. A DUPLICATE OF THIS DOCUMENT IS ATTACHED.

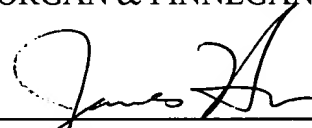
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For : COMMUNICATION APPARATUS CAPABLE OF
AUTOMATIC ACTIVATION OF FORWARDING SETUP
INSTRUCTED BY REMOTE ACCESS, AND CONTROL
METHOD THEREOF

ATTACHMENT

Amendments made to the claims 1, 15 and 29 herein are indicated in this attachment by bracketing the text that has been deleted and underlining the text that has been added.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please note the following changes to claims 1, 15 and 29:

1. (Amended) A communication apparatus connectable to a communication network, comprising:

reception means for receiving identification information of a calling party notified [via] from the communication network when an incoming call is detected at the communication apparatus; and

setting means for setting the communication network to activate call forwarding [on the basis of the identification information of] such that incoming call for the communication apparatus is forwarded to the calling party of the identification information received by said reception means [after a call with the calling party is disconnected.],

wherein an incoming call, which will be detected at the communication apparatus after the setting by said setting means, is forwarded to the calling party of the identification information by the communication network.

15. (Amended) A method of controlling a communication apparatus connectable to a communication network, comprising:

[the] a reception step of [making said communication apparatus receive] receiving identification information of a calling party notified [via] from the communication network when an incoming call is detected; and

[the] a setting step of setting the communication network to activate call forwarding [on the basis of the identification information of] such that an incoming call for the communication apparatus is forwarded to the calling party of the identification information received in said reception step [after a call with the calling party is disconnected.],

wherein an incoming call, which will be detected at the communication apparatus after the setting in said setting step is forwarded to the calling party of the identification information by the communication network.

29. (Amended) A program storage device readable by a machine tangibly embodying a program method of instructions executable by the machine to perform method steps for [controlling] forwarding to a communication apparatus connectable to a communication network, said method steps comprising:

[the] a reception step of [making said communication apparatus receive] receiving identification information of a calling party notified [via] from the communication network when an incoming call is detected; and

[the] a setting step of setting the communication network to activate forwarding of a call [received by said communication apparatus on the basis of the identification information of] such that an incoming call for the communication apparatus is forwarded to the calling party of the identification information received in the reception step [after a call with the calling party is disconnected.],

wherein an incoming call, which will be detected at the communication apparatus after the setting in said setting step, is forwarded to the calling party of the identification information by the communication network.

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